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1. AS REQUESTED, USREP ASKED VIVIAN ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT IN CONNECTION WITH AIR TRAVEL TRAINEES TO MOSCOW -- SPECIFICALLY WHETHER PAYMENT WAS REQUIRED IN HARD CURRENCY. THE ANSWER IS NO. WHERE AEROFLOT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE (E.G. BAMAKO) THEY ARE TRYING "TO ARRANGE A FREE RIDE." WHERE AEROFLOT IS NOT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE, PAYMENT FOR THE NON-AEROFLOT PORTION OF THE JOURNEY IS IN HARD CURRENCY AND THE AEROFLOT PART IN BLOCKED RUBLES.

2. DEPARTMENT MENTIONED SOME UNDP DATES (30 JUNE AND 1 SEPTEMBER 77) AND EXPRESSED SURPRISE THAT TRAINEES WERE ALREADY IN MOSCOW. THESE DATES ARE NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS PROGRAM WHICH IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. SUCH DEADLINES WILL APPEAR IN THE PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION DOCS WITH RESPECT TO EACH OF THE COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING. MAIL, FIRST COUNTRY TO SEND TRAINEES UNDER THE PROGRAM, IS JUST NOW PREPARING THE PAPER WORK.

3. ALSO REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A UNDP PROJECT #, AF RAF 74/021. THAT NUMBER HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRESENT PROGRAM. THE NUMBER REFERS TO THE DEFUNCT REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM WHICH WOULD HAVE EXPIRED DECEMBER 1976, BUT FOR WANT OF
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FUNDS EXPIRED PREMATURELY EARLIER THIS YEAR.

4. USREP WISHES TO SUGGEST AGAIN THAT A VISIT BY TAB
DIRECTOR VIVIAN TO WASHINGTON FOR DETAILED
DISCUSSIONS THIS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, WOULD
BE EXTREMELY BENEFICIAL.
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